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Medical Society of the County  
of New York

**BYE-LAWS**  
OF THE  
***MEDICAL SOCIETY***  
OF THE  
**COUNTY OF NEW-YORK.**

21805

*Revised and adopted at their Anniversary meeting in  
July...1808.*



The following gentlemen have been chosen Charter Officers of the Medical Society of the county of New-York, for the ensuing year—

*President,*

DR. JAMES TILLARY.

*Vice-President,*

DR. WILLIAM MOORE.

*Delegate to the State Society,*

DR. NICHOLAS ROMAYNE.

*Censors,*

DR. WRIGHT POST,

DR. SAMUEL BORROWE,

DR. EDWARD MILLER,

DR. JAMES S. STRINGHAM,

DR. VALENTINE SEAMAN.

*Treasurer.*

DR. JOHN ONDERDONK.

*Secretary,*

DR. W. W. BUCHANAN.





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CHAPTER I.

*Of the Meetings of the Society.*

SECT. 1. The Anniversary meeting of this Society shall be held on the first Monday in July, in every year ; and the Quarterly meetings shall be on the first Monday in October, January, and April.

SECT. 2. Extraordinary meetings of this Society may be called by the President, or in his absence by the Vice-President, at a request in writing, signed by twenty members, which meetings shall be previously advertised for at

least ten days, by the Secretary, in two newspapers published in the City of New-York.

SECT. 3. The Society may adjourn from day to day, after their Anniversary, Quarterly, or Extraordinary meetings.

SECT. 4. Fifteen members shall be a quorum to constitute the Society at their stated or extraordinary meetings and may then proceed to business.

SECT. 5. In the absence of the President, Vice-President, Censors and Treasurer, the senior member on the Roll shall preside.

SECT. 6. In case of any pestilential disease prevailing in the city of New-York, no member shall be obliged to attend any stated or extraordinary meeting of the Society.

SECT. 7. The President, and other officers of the Society, shall constitute a Comitia Minora, to meet on the last Wednesday in every month.

SECT. 8. The President shall be empowered to call an

extraordinary meeting of the Comitia Minora, whenever he shall deem it necessary.

SECT. 9. The Journal of the proceedings of the Comitia Minora shall be kept by the Secretary of this Society which shall be laid before the Society at their stated and Extraordinary meetings.

SECT. 10. The Comitia Minora may make rules and regulations for themselves, not inconsistent with the charter and bye-laws of this corporation.

SECT. 11. The President or Vice-President, together with three censors, may constitute a meeting of the Comitia Minora.

## CHAPTER II.

### *Order of Business.*

SECT. 1. At every stated and extraordinary meeting of this society, after the president shall have declared the

Society constituted, the Minutes of the last meeting shall be read.

The motions and other unfinished business of the last meeting shall be concluded.

Miscellaneous business.

Society adjourned.

### CHAPTER III.

#### *Duties of the President.*

SECT. 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society and to preserve order and decorum in the same.

SECT. 2. The President shall perform the duties prescribed to him by law, and the bye-laws and resolutions of the society.

SECT. 3. The President shall nominate and appoint all committees for transacting all the business of the Society, unless otherwise appointed by special resolution.

SECT. 4 He shall take the sense of the society on every motion made and seconded. He shall also have a casting vote in all transactions where the votes of the society are equally divided.

## CHAPTER IV.

### *Duties of the Vice-President.*

SECT. 1. The vice-president, in the absence of the president, shall preside, and perform all the duties of the president.

## CHAPTER V.

### *Duties of the Censors.*

SECT. 1. The Censors shall perform all the duties prescribed by law, the bye-laws, and resolutions of the Society.

SECT. 2. In the absence of the president and vice-president, the senior censor on the list shall preside at the meetings of the society.

## CHAPTER VI.

### *Duties of the Secretary.*

SECT. 1. The Secretary shall perform all the duties of his office, as directed by law, the bye-laws and the resolutions of the society.

## CHAPTER VII.

### *Duties of the Treasurer.*

SECT. 1. The Treasurer shall perform all the duties of his office, as directed by law, the bye-laws, and resolutions of the society.

## CHAPTER VIII.

*Duties of the Delegate.*

SECT. 1. The Delegate shall perform all the duties prescribed by law.

SECT. 2. He shall support the honor and dignity of this society.

SECT. 3. He shall obey all orders, and resolutions of this society, which may be proper and consistent with his appointment.

## CHAPTER IX.

*Ordinary Members.*

SECT. 1. The ordinary members shall consist only of physicians and surgeons, as stated in the law for incorporating this society.

SECT. 2. If upon a report presented by six physicians or surgeons, members of this Society, it shall appear, that any member has engaged in any business derogatory to the profession, or shall be convicted of any crime in a court of justice, he shall ipso facto be expelled.

SECT. 3. All members of this society shall leave evidence with the secretary, of their having registered their diplomas or licenses to practise physic and surgery according to law, to be deposited in the archives of the society, and shall sign the bye-laws on or before the first of September, 1806.

SECT. 4. Every member who signs the bye-laws and regulations of this Society shall designate in Latin or English the county, state or country of his birth, and the medical rank or station now or formerly held by him.

SECT. 5. Every member shall observe order and decorum in the Society, shall pay proper respect to the president and other officers, as well as to their fellow members; nor shall any member withdraw, when the society is convened, without special permission from the Chair.



SECT. 6. It is considered the duty of every member of this Society to support the honor and dignity of the medical profession, and to execute the duties of it with justice and propriety.

SECT. 7. Every member entitled to a certificate or diploma of membership, shall produce a written declaration from the Treasurer that all his arrears are discharged, before the President or Secretary be authorised to sign either of those instruments.

SECT. 8. Every member neglecting to discharge the arrears due by him to the Society for twelve months after he shall have received official information thereof from the Treasurer, shall be suspended from all the privileges of membership, unless satisfactory reasons be assigned; —and if said arrears are not discharged within two years he shall be liable to expulsion.

## CHAPTER X.

*Admission of new members.*

SECT. 1. No physician or surgeon can be admitted a member of this Society, unless he has attained the age of 22 years.

SECT. 2. Every candidate shall be proposed at one stated meeting and ballotted for at the next ; and if he shall have a majority of votes of the members present at such stated meeting, he shall become a member of this society.

SECT. 3. No person shall become a candidate for a seat as member of this Society until he shall have resided twelve months in this county (or in any adjoining county where no incorporated medical society exists) and shall have complied with all the requisites constituting him a legal practitioner according to the present act of incorporation, or future laws of the State.

SECT. 4. Every person when admitted into this Society, as a member, shall, on his signing the bye-laws, pay.

into the hand of the Treasurer ten dollars, to be appropriated to the use of the Society.

## CHAPTER XI.

### *Honorary Members.*

SECT. 1. The Governor and Chancellor of the State, and the Mayor of the City of New-York for the time being, shall be, ex-officio, honorary members of this Society, and shall have all the privileges of ordinary members, except that they shall not vote at elections.

## CHAPTER XII.

### *Licenses for practice.*

SECT. 1. All persons who are to be licensed for the practice of physic and surgery shall be recommended by the Comitia Minora, at one of the stated meetings of the

Society, and shall subject themselves to such ceremonies as the Comitia Minora shall approve and direct.

### CHAPTER XIII.

#### *Contributions.*

The Society at its Anniversary meeting, may establish the amount of contribution which each member shall pay to meet its contingent expenses.





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